(b) the details of funds allocated to these centres during the last two years and till end of July, 1997 alongwith activities of these centres;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints/representations about improper functioning of these centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) The details of Rehabilitation/Training-cum-Production Centres for widows of Defence Personnel and ex-Servicemen in the country, including the courses conducted by them are given in the enclosed statement. These centres are opened by and working under the respective State Governments through their Departments of Sainik Welfare. They are funded by the respective State Governments/Rajya Sainik Boards.

2. During the last 2 years only one Vocational Training Centre at Lansdowne, requested for allocation of funds from Kendriya Sainik Board. This Centre has been given the following amounts from the Kendriya Sainik Board :-

1995-96	Rs. 31,198/-
1996-97	Rs. 28,374/-
Apr. to Jul. 97	Rs. 10,923/-

3. The Central Government have not received any complaint against these Centres..

Statement

Rehabilitation/Training-cum-Production Centres for Widows of Defence Personnel and Ex-servicemen

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Trg. Centre and location	Course Conducted
1.	Mizoram	Training-cum-Production Centre, Alzaw-Lunglei	Typing & Stenography Bamboo & Cane work
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Training-cum-Production Centre, Lansdowne Ranikhet	Stitching, Knitting & Typing Weaving Shawls & bandages.
3.	Bihar	Vocational Training Centre Patna, Arrah, Ranchi and Chaibasa	Tailoring & Typing
4.	Rajasthan	Vocational Training Centre for Widows ex-Servicemen, Khrija, Khas, Tena, Indroka, Singhasan & Jhunjhunu	Sewing, Knitting Papad and Beedi making.
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Sainik Mahila Prashikshan Evam Utpadan Kandra, Pauri Garhwal.	Stitching, Tailoring & Knitting
6.	Haryana	Vocational Training Centre, Panchkula, Rewari, Chacharauli, Dadri, Jhajjar, Hissar and Rohtak.	Computer Programme Stenography, Glass cutting, Handloom and Carpet weaving, Hosiery, Tailoring and Coaching for competitive examinations.
7.	Maharashtra	Vocational-cum-Production Centre, Satara.	Wooden furniture, Cot, Steel Racks work and Bed sheet and Towel works.
8.	Sikkim	Govt. Institute of Cottage Industries, Gangtok	Carpet weaving, Handloom, Carpty, Wooden furnitures, Carving, Art, Weaving, tailoring, cutting, knitting and cane works.

Standard of Teaching

2952. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the constant decline in the standard of teaching in Navodaya Vidyalayas in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps being taken for improving it; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the teachers of those educational institutions and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA)) : (a)

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has intimated that there is no declines in the standard of teaching in Navodaya Vidyalayas in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Mumbai High Natural Gas Plant

2953. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to provide Mumbai High Natural Gas to BSES Thermal Plant at Dahaun has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

Natural Gas

2954. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether natural gas being produced in the country is not being fully utilised;

(b) if so, the total percentage of natural gas utilised in the country upto March, 1997;

(c) the percentage out of the remaining gas assessed for its utilisation;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any time bound scheme so as to utilise this estimated unutilised gas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) The percentage of natural gas utilised in the country as of March 1997, is around 93.5%

(c) to (e) The remaining gas is flared on account of:

(i) technical requirements of field operations.

(ii) gas from isolated structures not integrated with the main gas grid as it is economically unviable.

(iii) less offtake by consumers; and

(iv) lack of compression and transportation facilities.

ONGC and OIL have taken various steps for creation of additional gas collection and compression facilities as a result of which flaring has been reduced from 30% in the 7th Plan period to around 6.5% currently. Efforts are being made to further minimise the quantity of gas being flared.

[English]

Share of Profits

2955. SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to give its share of profits to oil companies from the oilfields and exploration blocks which were given to the private sector in 1994; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how much amount is proposed to be given to each oil company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken by the Government.

Earthquake in Madhya Pradesh

2956. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether departmental houses, some headquarters, offices and units of defence were damaged in the earthquake which occured on May 22, 1997 in Narmada valley of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any relief and assistance work have been carried out by the Army in towns and villages affected due to earthquake, if so, the details of relief works carried out.

(d) whether the production in many defence units have come to standstill and if so, to what extent the production in those units have been affected;

(e) whether he and Chief of any of the three wings